

The City Council of the City of Tuskegee met in regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. in the L.M. Gregg Auditorium at the Municipal Complex located at 101 Fonville Street.

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** *Mayor Johnny Ford.*
2. **INVOCATION.** *Rev. William Lennard.*
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** Repeated in Unison.
4. **ROLL CALL.** *Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk.*

**PRESENT**

Mayor Johnny Ford  
Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.  
Councilwoman Georgette White Moon  
Councilwoman Ala Whitehead  
Councilman Frank Christopher Lee, II

**The record reflects all members of the Council were present.**

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.**

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitehead to accept and approve the amended agenda with the following additions: loan application to borrow funds from reserve account and add an executive session after City Attorney's Report. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** *(May 26, 2015)*

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitehead to accept and approve the minutes as circulated with any necessary changes and/or corrections. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

7. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Jacqueline Gullette RE: Letter to Council regarding vacant land next to her house
2. Debra Mitchell RE: Thanks to the City Manager from the Students/Ownership of Road leading to VA
3. Joe Davis RE: Alabama Rural Ministry

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitehead to express appreciation to the Alabama Rural Ministry. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

4. Lenora Goode RE: Thanks to City Manager and Staff & Street Crew / Get-Together for Fire Dept./Street Dept. and Properties owned by the City should be advertise for everyone

There were no more citizens for concerns under citizen's communications.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood for Council to designate this point of the Council Meeting for Council to go ahead and vote on the application for alcoholic beverage license for Skegee Grub Mart. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve the application for alcoholic beverage license for Skegee Grub Mart. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

8. **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS.** *Mayor Johnny Ford*

- A. City Council Work Session.
- B. John White. (Presentation: Civil Rights Plaque)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to express appreciation to John White for his Civil Rights Plaque (photographic history) presented to the City of Tuskegee. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- C. Larry M. Newton. (Boy Scouts)
- D. Update on Meetings Attended:
  - 1. ALM Annual Meeting

Councilman Lee expressed thanks to the Clerk for getting shirts for Council to wear on City Shirt Day at the 2015 ALM Convention in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

- 2. African American Mayors Association
  - 3. APPA Meeting
  - 4. 2015 Alabama Legislative Session: Gaming & Medicaid Expansion
- E. Innovative Readiness Initiatives. (Military providing Free Medical Services)

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to express appreciation to the Military (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines) for making the free medical services available (Jun 16<sup>th</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup>) to the citizens in Tuskegee area and surrounding areas. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- F. Salem Nursing Home Building. (Council to visit the Building)
- G. Quality of Life. (New Building)
- H. Announcements:  
Director, Jim Byard has arranged a Special Military Fly-In to be held at Moton Field on Saturday, June 20, 2015.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Moon to give a resolution in support of the grant application that will provide funds to help with improvements to the historic district of the City. Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

9. **SGA /OTHER AGENCIES, ETC. COMMUNICATIONS.** *NONE.*

10. **CITY MANAGER'S COMMUNICATIONS.** Harvey L. Smith, City Manager.

- **6:30 PM Public Hearing: Alcoholic Beverage License: Skegee Grub Mart**

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to start the Public Hearing on the application for Alcoholic Beverage License for Skegee Grub Mart. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Comments from Citizens regarding Skegee Grub Mart's application for alcoholic beverage license (off premises):

1. John Alexander was not in favor of Skegee Grub Mart. He expressed that he did not care for the alcohol spirits (hard liquor to be sold). After getting a clear understanding of what types of beverages to be sold. He said that would be fine.
2. Mary McGruder: Spoke in favor of Skegee Grub Mart but expressed concern about alcoholic beverages that will be sold, loitering, noise and other things that comes along with selling alcohol.
3. Lenora Goode: Spoke in favor of Skegee Grub Mart.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to end the Public Hearing on the application for Alcoholic Beverage License for Skegee Grub Mart. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve the application for alcoholic beverage license for Skegee Grub Mart. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- A. Council Updates.
- B. Street Maintenance Activities.
- C. City Council Concerns.
- D. Financial Report. (Council's Report)

Motion was made by Councilwoman Whitehead to receive the financial report as circulated. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and on question, the following vote was recorded:

**VOTING AYE**

Mayor Johnny Ford  
Councilwoman Ala Whitehead  
Councilman Frank Christopher Lee, II

**VOTING NAY**

Mayor pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.  
Councilwoman Georgette White Moon

Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

Motion was made by Mayor Ford to have a Special Financial Meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2015 to address the finances of the City.

- E. BTW High School Boys Basketball. (\$100.00 Contribution)
- F. Tiger Spirits Package Store. (Set Hearing)

Motion was made by Councilman Lee to set the public hearing for the application for an Alcoholic Beverage License for Tiger Spirits Package Store for Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 6:30 PM. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and on call for the questions, the following vote was recorded:

## **VOTING AYE**

Mayor Johnny Ford  
Councilwoman Ala Whitehead  
Council Frank Christopher Lee, II

## **VOTING NAY**

Mayor Pro-Tempore Lawrence F. Haygood, Jr.  
Councilwoman Georgette White Moon

Mayor Ford declared the motion carried. The Public Hearing for Tiger Spirits Package Store is set for Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 6:30 PM.

- G. Update on Memorandum of Understanding: Tuskegee University & Senior Citizens Dept.
- H. Update on Trader Building.
- I. Head Start Building Project. (Update)
- J. CDBG Grant.
- K. Announcements:
  - 1. Arthritis Foundation: Walk: with Ease – Mon Wed Thurs 4:30-5:30 PM, Municipal Complex
  - 2. Parks & Recreation: Summer Camp (June 1<sup>st</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup> )
  - 3. Innovative Readiness Initiative: Military providing free medical services June 16<sup>th</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup> at T.I.M.S.

### 11. **ORDINANCES.**

### 12. **RESOLUTIONS:**

- A. Resolution No. 2015-64. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Albert Joyner, deceased.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept the resolution as stated celebrating and remembering the Life of Alert Joyner, deceased. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-64**

**WHEREAS**, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. He, of whom we speak, is Albert Lionel Joyner; and with a lasting gratitude for his exemplary life, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour;

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived. Albert Joyner was a son of Tuskegee. He received his early education on the campus of Tuskegee Institute (now University) at Tuskegee Institute High School and received his Bachelor's degree at Tuskegee Institute. He later gave back to his alma mater by serving on the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, Albert Joyner was a pioneer as the first Black franchisee of a major fast food chain in the state of Alabama with McDonalds restaurants in Birmingham and Mobile. He and his wife were partners in these endeavors; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of Albert L. Joyner and express sympathy to his wife, Danita and four children: Michael, Allison, Danielle and Albert, Jr.; his brother, Thomas Joyner, Sr., and his nephews, Thomas, Jr. (LaToy) and Oscar (Alem), extended family and friends; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Proclamation and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of Albert Lionel Joyner.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.



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Johnny Ford, Mayor

B. Resolution No. 2015-65. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of B.B. King, deceased.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Moon to accept the resolution as stated celebrating and remembering the Life of B.B. King, deceased. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-65**

**WHEREAS**, B. B. passed away but the thrill is not gone.

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the Citizens of Tuskegee and as Founder of the World Conference of Mayors and as Co-Founder of the National Policy Alliance I wish to express my profound sympathy to the family, fans, and friends on the occasion of the passing of Dr. B. B. King, a legend.

**WHEREAS**, he was a dear friend and personal hero of mine. I looked upon him and Mayor Charles Evers, his lifelong friend, co-founders of the "Mississippi Homecoming" as big brothers.

**FURTHERMORE**, I wish to say on this occasion even though B.B. has passed the "thrill is not gone" because he will continue to live thru his music which will be played in the United States and around the world.

**THEREFORE**, again on behalf of all of the organizations I represent and our constituents we will all adopt resolutions to place in our permanent histories stating deep love and respect for the man and his music. May he rest in peace.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.



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Johnny Ford  
Mayor

C. Resolution No. 2015-66. Celebrating and Remembering the Life of Lela Bell Williams Baxter Wiley

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to accept the resolution as stated celebrating and remembering the Life of Lela Bell Williams, deceased. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-66**

**WHEREAS**, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and she who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. She, of whom we speak, is Lela Bell Williams Baxter Wiley; and with a lasting gratitude for her exemplary life, her tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good she did the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour;

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived; and

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Wiley's sunset was on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and she leaves to cherish her memories two daughters, Dorothy and Pearly; 9 grandchildren, and a host of relatives including Mayor Johnny Ford of Tuskegee and Mayor Pro Tem Charlie Johnson and many friends; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of Mrs. Lizzie L. Patrick and express sympathy to her family and friends; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Proclamation and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of Mrs. Lizzie L. Patrick.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.



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Johnny Ford, Mayor

- D. Resolution No. 2015-67. A Resolution to approve an application to apply for CDBG Grant Funds to pave McNair Street and Crenshaw Circle; and Spot Demolition in the amount of \$450,000.00 with the City match being \$97,790.00.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve and accept a resolution to apply for CDBG Grant Funds to pave McNair Street and Crenshaw Circle; and Spot Demolition in the amount of \$450,000.00 with the City match being \$97,790.00. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

- E. Resolution No. 2015-68. A Resolution to apply for CDBG Grant Funds to pave McNair Street, Brown Street and Crenshaw Circle and improve the Water Line for that area in the amount of \$837,000.00 and \$360,000.00 pending the UBT's approval to provide the funds plus the City's match against the \$450,000.00

Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to approve and accept a resolution allowing the City to apply for CDBG Grant Funds to pave McNair Street, Brown Street and Crenshaw Circle and improve Water Line for that area in the amount of \$837,000.00 and \$360,000.00 pending the UBT's approval to provide funds plus the City's match against the \$450,000.00. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

F. Resolution No. 2015-69. Loan Application to borrow funds from Tuskegee Federal Credit Union.

**RESOLUTION No. 2015-69**

Authorizing Execution of Loan Application with Tuskegee Federal Credit Union

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a loan application and take all necessary action to obtain a loan on behalf of the City of Tuskegee with Tuskegee Federal Credit Union in the sum of \$110,000.00, repayment of the same to be secured by funds in the City's share account existing at said Credit Union and said loan to be paid in t w e n t y - four (24) equal installments beginning on July 1, 2015 and to be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each of the following immediately succeeding months until paid in full. It is understood that this action authorizes payment of all fees, interest and other costs reasonably associated with securing the said loan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the purpose of this loan is to ensure the City's contribution to finance operations for the City of Tuskegee, Alabama and, in any event, for any lawful purpose deemed in the best interest of the City by the City Manager;

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2015.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Harper, Interim City Manager

G. Resolution 2015-70. Loan Application to borrow funds from Liberty Bank (formerly First Tuskegee Bank)

**RESOLUTION No. 2015-70**

Authorizing Execution of Loan Application with Liberty Bank (formerly First Tuskegee Bank)

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a loan application and take all necessary action to obtain a loan on behalf of the City of Tuskegee with Liberty Bank in the sum of \$100,000.00, repayment of the same to be secured by funds in the City's share account existing at said Liberty Bank and said loan to be paid in twenty - four (24) equal installments beginning on July 1, 2015 and to be paid by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each of the following immediately succeeding months until paid in full. It is understood that this action authorizes payment of all fees, interest and other costs reasonably associated with securing the said loan.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the purpose of this loan is to ensure the City's contribution to finance operations for the City of Tuskegee, Alabama and, in any event, for any lawful purpose deemed in the best interest of the City by the City Manager;

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, Alabama, this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2015.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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James Harper, City Manager

H. Resolution Celebrating and Remembering the Life of James Benjamin, deceased.

Motion was made by to Councilwoman Moon to approve a resolution celebrating and remembering the Life of Mr. Benjamin. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-71**

**WHEREAS**, of all beautiful things in life, the most beautiful, is character, and he who possesses a beautiful character is worthy of notice. A beautiful life is the fruit of a beautiful character. He, of whom we speak is James L. Benjamin; and with a lasting gratitude for his exemplary life, his tireless and unselfish labor among us; the good he did, the inspiration we imbibed; we dedicate this hour;

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Tuskegee, we recognize a life well lived; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED** by me as the Mayor of the City of Tuskegee and the City Council of the City of Tuskegee as follows: (1) that the above recitals are true and correct; (2) that we mourn the death of James L. Benjamin and express sympathy to his wife, Gertrude; his children, James Sidney and Erica Tameka, his extended family and friends; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED**, that the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to spread this Proclamation and transmit a duly authenticated copy to the family of James L. Benjamin.

In witness I have hereunto set my hands and caused this seal to be affixed.



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Johnny Ford, Mayor

13. **CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT.**

Attorney Gray stated that there is nothing extraordinary and he continually to advise the City Manager when called upon and department heads; and the Mayor when requested and have ongoing discovery in some of the litigated matters and he will be available to answer any questions on any specific cases.

14. **OTHER BUSINESS / EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

Motion was made by Councilman Lee to have a Special Council Meeting for 10:00AM Thursday, June 11, 2015 with requests of copies of activity reports by departments, departmental receipts, inventory by department, listing of individuals hired since 2012 including interns, list of approved raises, credit card reports by department and cost for legal matters. Councilwoman Moon seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

8:27 PM Motion was made by Councilman Lee for Council to enter Executive Session. Councilwoman Whitehead seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.

9:05 PM Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tempore Haygood to end the Executive Session. Councilman Lee seconded the motion and all members voted aye. Mayor Ford declared the motion carried.



There being no further matters to come before the Council at this time, Councilwoman Moon moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Mayor Ford declared the meeting adjourned.

CITY OF TUSKEGEE, ALABAMA

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Johnny Ford, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Fartima B. Clark, City Clerk